(c) what is the ratio of amount being shared provided for these projects by the Rajasthan State Government (project-wise) and concerned foreign aid giving agencies and

(d) whether cost-escalation involved in any case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRAHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bombay urban infrastructure Project

6873. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested Government of India to recommend the Bombay Urban Infrastrue Project (BUIP) for the World Bank financial assistance; and

(b) what is the decision of the World Bank thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRAHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The World Bank have desired to have further discussions with the Bombay & Maharashta officials. The World Bank has also sought reactions to their thinking regarding lending to urban sector for infrastructure through a national commercial intermediary institution.

World Bank assistance to Maharashtra

6874. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested that its Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-III should be posed to World Bank for assistance; and

(b) what is the decision taken by the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRAHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Govt. of Maharashtra has requested for its Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II to be posed to the World Bank. However, no proposal has been received for a Stage-III project.

(b) Since the Administrative Ministry has not yet obtained/provided the Planning Commission clearance, the Project has not been posed to the World Bank.

Production of Coins

62875. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3300 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Salem Steel Plant would be able to fulfil the Government demand of Coin Blanks;

(b) if so, the reasons of importing Coin Blanks;

(c) if not, the installed capacity of the Coin Blanks of Salem Steel Plant in terms of pieces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The installed capacity of the Blanking Lines of Salem Steel Plant is 3000 tonnes per annum. The capacity in terms of million pieces will depend on the denomination of coins which are different in shape, size and weight.